

Rapid Increase In Dry Farming

Dry farming, as it is called, has opened to cultivation at least 700,000, 000 acres of hitherto nearly useless land in the U. S. alone. The name of the man who has made this possibility is Hardy W. Campbell of Nebraska.

The dry farming method has become familiar throughout the west in the last five years.

Mr. Campbell says there is no such thing as dry farming, and calls it intensive farming. But the average man thinks it may fairly be called "dry," when he sees the fields green and flourishing without watering through the long hot summer of all the plains.

It is estimated that there are 4,500, 000 acres of semi arid land now under cultivation, a part of which is farmed under the Campbell system.

Twenty-five miles north of Benson, says the Press, farmers have for years been raising paying crops, not only of winter grain, which is easier to produce than any other in a dry climate, but also corn, beans and vegetables, all without any artificial irrigation.

Plea for Abatement Of Assessment Work

Having received a promise from Governor Kibbey that he will assist them in every way possible, the mining men of Globe have started a movement to petition congress to suspend assessment work on mining claims in Arizona until January, 1909. The condition of the stock and money markets and the consequent depression in mining circles is given as the reason for this move. The Globe chamber of commerce has held a session and is asking every mining district in the territory to join with them. The plan is to send a bill to Delegate Mark Smith, asking him to introduce it at the session which begins early next month. Nevada and California are taking similar steps.

Tenders Resignation As Arizona Ranger

Porter McDonald, a member of the Arizona Rangers, with headquarters at Tombstone, has tendered his resignation to Captain Wheeler and the same has been accepted. Mr. McDonald has been on the force for over three years and made a good record. He will still continue as live stock inspector for the territorial board in this district.

Horrible Method Of Suiciding

A Naco dispatch says that Maria Martinez is dead there as a result of an attempt to take her own life. The method she used was a horrible one—that of saturating her clothes with kerosene and igniting them. She was about 35 years of age, and died in the tenderloin district on the Mexican side, where she had made her home.

Recently Frank and Fred Pascoe rode out of town on some business. When about five miles south of Globe they had occasion to dismount. They had scarcely left their horses when a huge rattler struck Frank on the left leg about three inches above the ankle. The venom from the fangs of the snake caused excruciating pain for the moment. His brother Fred, realizing what had happened, shot a rabbit, split its body and bound it over the bite. They then returned to Globe as quickly as possible. Mr. Pascoe was exhausted when he reached Globe, but said he was suffering but little. His friends will be glad to know that on account of the timely attention there is no cause for alarm about his condition.—Silver Belt.

George Gallen, assistant cashier for the Grant Bros' Construction Co. work at Naco, spent Thanksgiving Day in Tombstone with his parents. George states that nearly 1,000 men are employed on railroad work on the Cananea-Nogales branch, and work is being crowded as fast as possible. Considerable work is also to be undertaken at once near Mazatlan and preparations are being made to employ several hundred men at that point.

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of
The Board of Supervisors.

OF COCHISE COUNTY, ARIZONA

Tombstone, Ariz., Nov. 19, 1907.
The board of supervisors of Cochise county met at 7 p. m. pursuant to adjournment October 9th, all members present.

This being the time advertised for opening bids for the construction of the Pirtleville jail, the board proceeded to this order of business. The following were submitted:

Thomas R. Wiseman proposed to build the jail complete, and in addition construct a high board fence enclosing a jail yard in front for the sum of \$1500.

C. D. Parsons proposed to build the jail complete as called for in specifications submitted for the sum of \$1275.

Tadlock Brothers submitted a bid and specifications and offered to build the jail for the sum of \$1195.

The matter of awarding the contract was deferred till the morning of November 20, 1907.

The matter of the action of the supreme court in granting a stay in the condemnation proceedings against Angella Diande Hansen and Peter Hansen, brought by the board in Judge Dean's court, was brought up, and the district attorney, F. W. Shelly, was questioned as to what defense he had made for the board before the supreme court. Mr. Shelly answered that it was no part of his duty as district attorney to represent the county before the supreme court where the county's interests were not at variance with those of the territory. That it was the duty of the attorney general to represent the county in such cases.

This being the time advertised to open bids for the excavation of a portion of the Hansen Gardens property, condemned by the district court for use as a public highway, the board proceeded to open all bids submitted, but on account of the action of the supreme court in the matter, delayed the awarding of a contract till such time as the question of possession was fully settled. The clerk was directed to file all the bids and make no part of any of them public.

Gilmore & Williams appeared before the board in the interest of The Peoples Water Company, of Benson. A petition from citizens of Benson was presented, asking that their client be granted a permit to lay pipes in the streets of Benson. After careful consideration on the part of the board the permit was granted in the following resolution:

RESOLUTION

The Peoples Water Company, its successors or assigns, is hereby granted the right-of-way in, upon and through the streets, highways, avenues and lanes, alleys and sidewalks of the town of Benson, in the county of Cochise, territory of Arizona, for the purpose therein, thereon, and over, to construct, maintain and use all necessary service pipes, mains, laterals, connections, taps, shutoffs, or other appliances or fixtures, to successfully operate, construct and maintain a complete water system, to supply water for commercial and domestic purposes in said town of Benson.

All pipes, mains and laterals within the limits of said town shall be placed and laid at least one foot below the surface of the ground, and in such a manner as not to interfere unnecessarily with the use thereof by the public; and after laying said mains, pipes and laterals, making said connections, or performing any work of repair thereon, such streets, highways, alleys and sidewalks shall be restored to as good condition as they were before the said pipes and connections were laid, or such work done, such restoration to be made at the cost and expense of the said Peoples Water Company, its successors or assigns.

The Peoples Water Company, its successors or assigns, shall at all times save and keep harmless the said board of supervisors, and the said county of Cochise from all loss or damage to persons or property occasioned by the existence of the said mains, laterals, pipes, conduits or other appliances, or any excavations made by the Peoples Water Company, its successors or assigns. And further, in all cases of excavations made by the Peoples Water

Company, its successors or assigns, proper safeguards shall be placed at all openings in said streets, alleys or sidewalks, at such distances as shall provide for the safety of foot-passengers and the traveling public generally; and any and all claims for damages or injury sustained by any person or persons, by reason of such excavations and improvements, the said board of supervisors and the said county of Cochise shall be held absolutely harmless by the said Peoples Water Company, its successors and assigns.

This permit shall continue and be in force for the full term of twenty-five years from the date thereof.

The said Peoples Water Company shall begin work under this permit within six months from the date hereof; otherwise this permit shall be void and of no effect.

The vote on the resolution stood as follows:

McCabe "yes," Bowen "yes," Riggs not voting.

It was moved by Mr. Bowen, seconded by Mr. McCabe that J. M. O'Connell, D. L. Cunningham and Ben Goodrich be retained to assist the district attorney in the mandamus proceedings against the board of supervisors in the supreme court seeking to compel the board to place the raises made by the territorial board of equalization on non-producing patented mines, on the tax rolls of 1907.

On vote, Mr. Riggs voted "no"; Mr. Bowen "yes," Mr. McCabe "yes." The chairman declared the motion carried.

The clerk was directed to secure an omnibus for the use of the recorder's office.

Proper petitions being presented, the following persons were granted widow's exemptions:

Guadalupe Hamm, 1907.
Mary I. Sablin, 1907.
Mrs. F. B. Hoadly, 1907.
Cruz Romero, 1907.
Mrs. Annie Hill, 1907.
Ylaria Nunes, 1907.
Mrs. Angella Comaduran, 1907.
Lucia A. Barnes, 1907.
Mrs. Louis M. de Rosa, 1907.
Mrs. Lou Elliott, 1907.
Janet Denmore, 1907.
Artella S. Valencia, 1907.
Mrs. Margaret Steilar, 1907.
Mrs. J. C. Herron, 1907.
Guadalupe M. Delariva, 1907.
Mrs. Elizabeth Allred, 1906.
Mrs. J. C. Herron, 1906.
Mary S. Beaton, 1907.
Mrs. M. N. Hughes, 1907.

Mrs. Annie J. Haven was refused a widow's exemption on ground of having over \$2,000 valuation on tax rolls.

Mrs. A. L. Main and Elizabeth Hamm were refused widow's exemptions on ground of being non-residents.

Proper affidavits being presented, the following refunds and changes in the tax rolls were ordered:

1—Refund B. C. Smith \$250, ground same being paid twice.
2—Strike from the rolls of 1907 the following property assessed to Thos. Steele, St. David:

1 wagon, 1 buggy, 1 harness, 3 work horses, 3 milch cows; value, \$300. Refund the amount of taxes paid on same property in 1906; ground, non ownership.

3—Strike from the rolls of 1907 the following property assessed to Mrs. Hattie Newman:

Lots 10, 31, 32, 33, block 30; lot 41, block R; one cabin, all in Bisbee; value, \$175. Ground, non-ownership. Property said to belong to Frankenberg Bros. & Newman.

4—Refund to J. H. Madden, Bisbee, \$250 poll tax paid for 1907; ground, mines.

5—Refund Harry McCool, Bisbee, poll tax paid for 1907, \$250; ground—permanent disability.

6—Strike from the assessment of C. R. Plum, St. David, poll tax for the year 1907; ground, permanent disability.

7—Refund Thomas Mesalich, Bisbee, poll tax, \$7.50, amount overpaid for the years 1906 and 1907.

8—Refund to John J. Newell, treasurer of the Naco Real Estate and Improvement Co., Naco, \$85.81, taxes paid as follows:

1900—Taxes paid on property in sections 18 and 19, 24-24, \$32.55; ground, title to property not secured from government.

1901—Taxes paid on same property as foregoing, \$24.89; same grounds.

1904—Taxes paid on N^o 2 of sections 18-24-24, \$10.24; ground, non ownership.

1905—Taxes paid on same property as 1903, \$9.32; ground, non ownership.

1906—Taxes paid on same property as 1905, \$8.71; ground, non ownership.

9—Strike from the assessment of Joseph Goodman, St. David, 1907 two work horses; ground, non-ownership.

10—Mark all property on the rolls assessed to H. W. Eitz, Benson, previous to 1907, paid.

11—Refund to James Moorehead, Douglas, poll tax \$2.50 paid for 1906, the same having been paid twice.

Strike from the assessment of Lanham, Griffin & Towre, 1907, merchandise, \$150; bar fixtures, \$500; total, \$650; ground, non ownership. Property said to belong to Harry B. Calisher.

The following petitions were held for further consideration:

James Kelly, Tombstone, reduction in value of lots 5, 6, 7, 8, 9 and 10, block A, Tombstone.

Bank of Bisbee, lots 320 and 322, block 4, Warren, stricken from the rolls of 1907.

Petition from citizens of Lowell asking that the Warren Street Railway be compelled to lay its tracks in the middle of the highway through Lowell and vicinity, and not on outside or the other.

A petition asking for the appointment of G. W. McFarlin to the office of county immigration commissioner was presented and laid on the table indefinitely.

A petition was presented from citizens of Hereford asking the appointment of Max Axford to the office of justice of the peace for the Hereford precinct. The petition was granted.

A petition from citizens of the vicinity of Huachuca. Siding was presented, asking permission to make certain changes in the public road. The matter was referred to the road overseer of the district with instructions to allow the change to be made, provided the new road was put in as good condition as the old one.

The city of Bisbee was granted a permit to lay its sewer line along the Naco road outside of the city limits.

The Peoples Water Company was granted a permit to lay its mains, etc., in the streets of Benson.

Ed Bower of Bisbee, was granted the right to change the public road running through the S. W. 1/4 of Sec. 4, 22-26; provided that the new road be made as good as the old one, and connected conveniently with the continuation of the old road, all subject to the approval of the road overseer.

The appointment of A. A. Thompson as jail guard at the county jail by the sheriff was approved by the board.

The clerk was directed to purchase one volume of "Barlow on Sheriff's and Constables" for the use of the sheriff's office.

The following land leases were granted:

Section 36, 15-28, to James L. Am-along—renewal.

Section 16, 22-27, to W. D. Saylor.

Section S. E. 1/4 36-22-27 to Wm B. Gilpin.

The board adjourned to meet at 9 o'clock, November 20, 1907.

(Signed) Wm. M. Riggs, Chairman.

(Signed) H. E. Berner, Clerk.

Tombstone, Ariz., Nov. 20, 1907.
Board of supervisors of Cochise county met at 9 a. m. pursuant to adjournment November 19th, 1907. All members were present.

The Naco Real Estate & Improvement Co. presented a map of the Naco townsite for approval by the board. After due consideration by the board the same was approved and ordered recorded.

The clerk was ordered to purchase a metal book case for the recorder's office, and also fifty-four roller shelves for the same office.

Moved by Mr. Bowen that the following bills be allowed:

J. F. White for George Humm, deputy sheriff fees for third quarter, \$413.10.

J. F. White for F. Bauer, deputy sheriff fees for third quarter, \$14.10.

The motion was lost for want of a second. The bills were held up pending the settlement of a suit against the county brought by O. P. Gray to collect fees included in the above bills.

The matter of awarding contract to construct a jail at Pirtleville was brought up as per previous arrangement, and it was moved by Mr. Riggs that the plans and specifications submitted by Thomas B. Wiseman be accepted and that the said Thomas B. Wiseman be awarded the contract.

Mr. Bowen moved that the plans and specifications submitted by G. D. Parsons be accepted and that Mr. Parsons be awarded the contract. Mr. Mo-

Cabe seconded the motion made by Mr. Riggs, and on vote all members voted "yes," and the contract was declared awarded to Thomas B. Wiseman, and the clerk and district attorney directed to prepare contract and bond for same. The bond was fixed at \$500.

The clerk was ordered to return all certified checks and plans and specifications to successful bidders.

The clerk was directed to execute a tax deed to John Delariva for lot 5, block 11, Tombstone.

Board took recess till 1 p. m.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Board met at 1 p. m. pursuant to recess.

All members were present. Mr. Bowen was excused.

A petition asking the appointment of G. A. Brown to the office of road overseer for a portion of the Dragon road district was presented by D. A. Adams. The part of the district included was that part known as the Adams School District No. 11. After careful inquiry by the members of board, Mr. Adams was directed to have a petition prepared asking for the division of the Dragon road district and present the same to the residents of the whole district for signatures, and to have this petition include the names of two men for road overseers, one for each district to be created.

The board took recess till 6:30 p. m.

EVENING SESSION.

Board met at 6:30 p. m. pursuant to recess. Mr. Riggs and Mr. McCabe present; Mr. Bowen absent.

The minutes of the board of supervisors of Cochise county for April 1, 2 and 5; May 15; June 14 and 15; July 1, 2, 3, 5, 6 and 19; August 19 and 20; September 6; October 7, 8 and 9 were read and approved.

The board adjourned till 8 a. m. November 21, 1907.

WM. M. RIGGS, Chairman.

H. E. BERNER, Clerk.

Officers of the Masonic Grand Lodge

The 26th annual grand lodge meeting of the Order of Masons for Arizona, which was held at Morenci last week, was conducted in a large stope, 1000 feet below the surface of the earth.

The following officers were elected and installed: Grand Master C. G. Jones, Tempe; deputy grand master, Judge Dean, Tombstone; senior grand warden, Frank Thompson, Phoenix; junior grand warden, H. A. Morgan, Wilcox; grand treasurer, R. M. Fredericks, Prescott; grand secretary, Geo. J. Kunkrue, Tucson; grand lecturer, F. A. Shaw, Phoenix; grand marshal, W. A. Fiege, Wilcox; senior grand deacon, F. S. Bunch, Safford; junior grand deacon, Harry A. Drachman, Tucson; grand orator, C. D. Haney, Winslow; senior grand steward, E. M. Smith, Yuma; junior grand steward, H. M. Woods, Bisbee. Of the commandery, J. J. Hawkins, Prescott, was elected grand commander, and of the chapter, F. M. Zuck, Winslow, grand high priest.

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The newly elected grand officers of the Order of Eastern Star, an auxiliary of the Masonic Order, included several Cochise county officers as follows:—

W. G. M., Anna B. Morgan, Wilcox; Asst. G. P., Henry M. Woods, Bisbee; Grand Lecturer, Fletcher M. Dean; Grand Martha, Christine Baron, Tombstone; Grand Marshal, Della Fiege, Diagon.

Saddle Mountain Co. Heavily Mortgaged

The Saddle Mountain Mining Co., whose great copper property is situated partly at Christmas and partly in the Saddle Mountain district, in Pinal county, about six miles from Dudleyville, filed with the county recorder this week a mortgage on their properties, including mines and smelting plant, for the sum of \$1,000,000, according to the Florence Blade.

This mortgage was made for the purpose of discharging the company's indebtedness and to create an operating fund to be used when the copper market shall have returned to normal conditions.

The Court News For Today

The attention of the district court was taken up the first thing this morning in pronouncing of sentences on two prisoners. The first one called to hear the judgment of the court was Harry Jones, who on yesterday was found guilty of the crime of grand larceny, the jury bringing in a verdict about 7:15 last evening. Jones was given a sentence of two years in the territorial penitentiary. He was convicted of having stolen \$110 from a saloon in Benson a few months since and was captured a few hours after with the money in his possession.

Antonio Comanche, who yesterday entered a plea of guilty to the charge of abduction, committed in Bisbee a few months since, was given a similar term to serve in the penitentiary. The other indictment, charging rape, was dismissed by motion of the district attorney.

The only case up for trial before the jury today was the case of the Territory vs. Jaquin Samorano, who was indicted by the grand jury on a charge of rape alleged to have been committed in the vicinity of Lowell a few months since. All the witnesses in the case were Mexicans and the interpreter had to translate all the testimony to the lawyers and the jury. The following jurors were accepted to try the case:

J. W. Ackard F. E. Homer
W. A. Harwood Wm. Kirlow
John Qualls J. A. Stone
J. C. Phoeby F. L. Harrington
Wm. Cowan Dennis Roach
S. B. Venzoni J. N. Christensen

Jury in the above case returned a verdict of not guilty.

The balance of the trial jurors were excused until Monday morning at 9:30. It is very probable that a special venire of trial jurors will be called for the early part of next week as the panel now contains only about thirty jurors.

The Phoenix High school athletes Saturday by the score of 53 to 39.

A lot of fine ripe strawberries were marketed in Flagstaff last week. The berries were grown by D. E. Schunbly on his Oak ranch and was the second crop this year.

In the sifting process that scarce of snailpox at Eureka Springs, Graham county, dwindled down to a mild case of chickenpox.

Fred Phillips, until recently associate editor of the Williams News, has accepted a position on the Safford Journal.

A camp of the Modern Woodman of America was instituted at Safford last week.

C. B. Wood of Phoenix, is proudly exhibiting the queerest specimen of a bird ever seen in Arizona. It is nothing less than a chicken with four legs and four wings. It was raised by Jose Aguilar, near Florence.

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Dangerous Case Of Swallowing A Pin

One of Dr. Morrison's patients had been in poor health for several months, and for the last four or five weeks was very sick, so that relatives were sent for in fear that she would not recover.

The doctor was much puzzled, as the case presented some phases never before met in his practice.

He finally decided upon a surgical operation, and went prepared to carry out the purpose. Before using the knife, however, he made another examination and felt the point of a pin, which was removed without lacerating the flesh. The pin had evidently been swallowed at some time and worked its way through, but the patient had no recollection of ever swallowing a pin. Immediate recovery followed.

—Benson Press.

J. L. Miller and wife returned today from Bisbee, where they have been on a brief visit.

Mrs. Frank Dean arrived today from Tucson today after spending Thanksgiving in Tombstone.

Judge James Reilly is in Tucson on legal business.

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